## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to polymeric compositions for making a liquid impermeable, moisture vapour permeable layer by coating the composition onto a substrate. The polymeric compositions comprise preferred thermoplastic polymers and suitable hydrophilic plasticizers which are covalently bonded to said thermoplastic polymers. The layers made from the polymeric compositions of the present invention exhibit enhanced moisture vapour permeability and washability. These layers can find a variety of applications wherein moisture vapour permeability is desirable for example within waterproof garments, protective bedding covers, and within absorbent articles such as diapers, sanitary napkins, panty liners, incontinence products, protective clothing and the like.